KATYDID.

There's a little telltale
In the old oak-tree,
And it's always saying
Dreadful things of me. Just as sure as mamma Bays with such a sigh:
Who's been in the pantry,
Nibbled at the ple?
Who has cropped these bread-

orumbs
All around the floor? All around the dely, Who ran in so rudely, Didn't shut the door?" or: "Who threw this bonnet Down upon the stairs?"
Or: "Who left these cookies
On the parlor chairs?"
Then the little telltale, In the free-top hid,
In the tree-top hid,
Answers shrill and saucy;
"Katy did! She did!"
Say, now, little gossip,
Don't you think it's mean,
Watching me so slyly,
Telling all you've seen?
But I've the with of searchile

But I've thought of something Such a splendid plan, I'll be just as careful As 1 ever can;
Keep my fingers useful
All the livelong day;
Then how s'prised and happy
Mamma dear will say;
"What good household fairy,
Or what little sprite. Or what little sprite. Washed the cups so neatly, Rubbed the glasses bright? Hung up hat and jacket,

Shut the closet door? Set the supper-table, Swept the kitchen floor?"

Down then from your peephole In the green leaves hid, Cheerily you'll answer:
"Katy did! She did!"
—Youth's Companion.

### STRANGE BIRD PET.

3t Is Half Eagle, Haif Ostrich and Striped Like a Zebra.

Tommy Harvey is a boy of ten, and lives away out in Sonoma, Cal., and he has the queerest bird pet of any lad dragged overboard and devoured everyin the United States. Some day, per- thing eatable that appeared. The gulls haps, some man who knows all about and other birds which were in the habit birds will give Tommy's strange pet a of alighting on the water now became great long pame; but just now there victims. Several were seen to suddenof a bird this one is or what to call it.

time. Suddenly he heard a sound, be- cious fish. erful habit of doing, Tommy got over is doubtful. that feeling and started to investigate the bird. It was not the least bit harmlessness.

home. He had forgotten all about the frogs, and they croaked and croaked in unmolested glee.

When Tommy reached home with his prize he first showed it to his sneak around the side of the house Ocean. and peep in the window, was willing

that it should have all it wanted. Tommy then took his bird out on the



among the men, and envy among the other boys because it did not belong to them. The first night Tommy owned the bird he wanted to take it to bed with him. His mother allowed him to do this, but boy and bird both slept in the woodshed. Tommy has since made up his mind that the bird can sicep by itself in the woodshed. He said he was not afraid-of course not -but it was lonesome out there, and his pet wanted to play with him and wouldn't let him sleep.

There are a great many peculiar things about the appearance of Tommy's bird. It looks like a combination of ostrich, engle and owl. It is very young, and yet it is at least 18 inches high, or larger than a baby ostrich of the same age. It is covered with a soft, white fuzz, like a young duck, and has feet that look to be about twice the the sides of this creature are stripes of brown color like a zebra; and its head-it's a nightmare. Projecting from a dark circle on its face is the beak of a vulture, while the eyes are small and wicked-looking. The bird's wings are dark in color, and most of the time hang down at its sides. It cannot fly yet and is not able to walk much. It looks as heavy as a big turkey, but really does not weigh more than three pounds. A strange pet for a boy, don't you think?

-Love lives, lifts, lightens, learns Chicago Standard.

### PIKE GOES BIRDING.

A Naturalist Tells How It Conducted Its

It is a common saying that birdage a-fishing, but it is not generally known that very often the case is reversed and the birds supposed to be the enemies of the fishes are caught in the toils.

Several years ago, while fishing off the Maine coast, the writer observed what the fishermen called the running of the dog-fish. One day the fishing for cod, hake and haddock was excellent; the following morning it had stopped as suddenly as though a command to all the finny tribe had been issued by Nep-

The explanation was that an army of small sharks, swimming in from the unknown depths of the sea, had driven away all the edible fish. This horde was so starved and ravenous that they were a menace to life. If anything was thrown into the water they rushed to the spot; bit at the oars and sails that



PIKE CATCHING BIRD.

is no one who can tell just what sort ly disappear, jerked down from below to be torn in pieces by these hounds of Tommy Harvey caught his bird while the sea. In some instances a bird would out hunting for frogs in a marsh not escape with the loss of a leg, and doubtfar from town, and was having a good less numbers were caught by the vora-

tween a screech and a whistle, that | The most voracious bird catcher is made him jump. He started to run the pike or pickerel-a sly fellow who and saw the strange bird directly in lurks beneath overhanging limbs or front of him. Of course it did not rocks and watches for some duckling frighten him so badly as it did some peo- or birdling that strays from the brood. ple who have seen it since, but for sev- The pike attains a large size and has eral moments he thought there was a been known to attack good-sized birds, eledge-hammer inside of him where his even loons, though whether it could heart ought to be. As boys have a pow- successfully carry away so large a bird

A naturalist was once watching a pool that was surrrounded by willows afraid of him. He used a long stick at whose graceful foliage fell over the first, for the bird to exercise its beak water, casting deep shadows. Dragon on, until he saw it could not bite very flies and other insects were darting hard. Gradually he got nearer and about at the surface, and coursing back pense will permit. pearer, and braver and braver, as he and forth, following them in turn were assured himself of the queer bird's a number of swallows, which now and then touched the water as they darted In a short time Tommy mustered up at some insect. Suddenly, without courage enough to stroke the bird's warning, from the dark pool the hidden back. This seemed to please it. Tommy observer saw a huge pike leap at one of was delighted also, and was not long the birds, the latter barely escaping by in making up his mind to take the bird | a quick movement, while the fish fell heavily into the water. Again it tried to catch one of the swallows, then gave

up the attempt. Another observer was fishing in a small lake when he noticed not far mother. But that good woman did not away three young sand martins sitting want to look at it. She simply gave a on a limb just over the water, the shrick and fled from the house the mo- mothter fluttering about them, endeavment Tommy set it on the floor. The oring to induce them to fly. All at once bird, of course, did not mind the shriek an enormous pike dashed out of the and proceeded to make itself at home, water and seized one of the birdlings Tommy fed it the best there was in from the limb, the poor mother darting the house, and also all there was in about in the greatest alarm. Soon came the house, and still it was hungry. It another leap, and in less than half an ate and ate, and Tommy's mother, who | hour this voracious fish had carried off by this time had recovered enough to the three young birds.—Chicago Inter

# VALUABLE INDIAN DOG.

How a Magician Fooled Chief Two Belly and His Braves.

Some tribes of American Indians are aid to be highly expert at feats of jugglery. Other tribes seem to be almost unacquainted with such tricks, if we are to credit a story said to have been told by a military officer at Fort Sill and reearted by the Buffale Express.

Prof. McAllister, the magician, once visited a camp of River Crows on the Yellowstone, and after extracting various packs of cards and other articles from the ears, necks, noses and garments of the astonished Indians, was invited to a big feast of roast dog and other delicacies.

Chief Two Belly was so impressed by the great medicine powers of the profes-Wicista-Neeta (meaning wildcat), and offered her to him for a wife at the low

price of two ponies. The feast and daughter were both declined, but as McAllister was leaving the tepee he spied a lean, yellow cur. He asked Chief Two Belly how much he would take for the dog, at the same time stroking the brute down the back and each time taking a handful of money from the end of his tail.

"Him very valuable dog," said Me-Allister, picking a coin out of the dog's eye and another out of his nose. "Two ponies for him, chief."

The Indians, with eyes as big as sau cers, stood in awe and astonishment, and shook their heads. After McAllister had gone they carried the poor dog down to the river side and cut him open, but the goose had no golden egg, and they went slowly back to camp, as size they ought to be. Passing down completely dumfounded and as solemn as human beings can possibly be.

> Sparrows and the Bicycle. A curious thing about the sparrow has often been noticed by wheelmen When bicycle riding first became common the birds used to hop up in the air and fly away before the wheel was within 20 feet of them, plainly being very much frightened. But now, even

with the increase in the number of bicycles and the speed at which they are ridden, the birds show little or no fear They wait until the very last moment before getting out of the way, and then they hop aside only a few inches.

# FARM AND GARDEN.

DRAINAGE OF ROADS.

It Is the Basis of All Permanent Highway Improvement.

"Water is a great destroyer of dirt roads and drainage is especially important in the proper making and keep ing of the dirt roads, because the material of the roadway is more susceptible to the action of the water and more easily destroyed than any other highway material used in the construction of roads by more elaborate methods, Side ditches are provided for country roads in most cases, but common experience shows how imperfectly these are made, and how inadequate even the best side drains are to relieve the road from its soggy, impassable condition. Nothing brings relief except the slow process of evaporation, and even when a road is dried by the sun and wind it is generally left in a rough, rutty condition," so says Drainage Journal. "How should a dirt road be drained?

A column might be written upon this question alone, for, more than any other, it affects the maintenance of thousands of miles of dirt roads now in constant use, besides being an important consideration in the construction of new roads. When water falls upon a dirt road we aim to carry it off either by giving the surface of the road a slope to one side or the other, both, or by under-drainage, in which the water, failing to escape by running from the surface to the side ditches, is drawn into a permanent drain, generally laid lengthwise with the roadway and beneath it, and so made as to carry the water to some adjacent outlet. Let us consider these matters separately. Most dirt roads have an obstinate tendency to hold water. You may scrape one of these roads into the form of a nicely graded surface and roll it as hard as you please, only to find that the softening influences of the first rainstorm will permit the wheels of the first loaded this hour I contracted to work for you wagon passing over it to make more or one year. My time's up, the contract is less of a depression. This depression serves to hold the water, and in this manner the bottom of it is softened and made susceptible when the next wheel comes along, and so the depression is deepened into an actual rut. I have never yet seen a dirt road which offered a permanent and sufficient drainage by side open ditches during the wet seasons of the year. These ditches are often carelessly graded and always carelessly kept, being generally left to clear themselves, and so neglected that they become obstructed by washings from the road surface and in other ways. What kind of drains shall we use? The ordinary drain tile used in farm drainage will be found to answer an excellent purpose and should be used wherever the question of ex-

"The drainage of highways should be recognized as the basis of permanent road improvement where the soil and subsoil get wet and spongy. The laying of two lines of tile, one on each side of the travelway, inside of the water ditches, will prevent the water from percolating through the soil under the roadway and secure a firm travelway."

THE ROAD POET AT WORK.



"I would not live alway" Had never been penned, Had roads been like this From beginning to end, -Good Roads.

# WORKING THE ROADS.

of the Mistakes Made Where the

Old System Prevails. A good many of our readers will be warned out by the supervisor to work the roads. In some cases it will be going through the form mainly, or playing work the roads; in others there will he took him to his wigwam, be a good deal of work done. Much introduced him to his daughter, Miss of this good work done is spoiled by reason of the incompetence of the supervisors. We have seen roads rendered impassable almost all summer by the lack of a little of the know-how on the part of the man who was bossing the job. Where dirt is piled into the middle of the road with plow and scraper, it is folly to fail to use the harrow. If the harrow is not used, and used thoroughly, the result will be that the road will be full of holes for months to come. When a thresher wishes a first-class track for his horses, he selects ground that has been plowed and thoroughly harrowed. He knows that this will ramp down smooth and hard. Freshy plowed ground or a pile of fresh dirt contains large lumps and many comparatively open spaces, and when travel comes on it without being sufficiently pulverized, it makes the very worst kind of a road. Therefore, before leaving the road, harrow the fill thoroughly and completely and thus prepare a good highway.—Wallace's Farmer.

> An Aphorism from Boston. The condition of the road is the price tag that tells the value of the farm .-Good Roads.

Calves that are losing the hair about the eyes may be subject to a mild form of mange. Sulphur and lard rubbed on the spots occasionally will effect a cure.

Gilt edge butter cannot be made from the milk of cows that are fed largely upon cotton seed meal.

HIS TIME WAS UP.

the Disadvantages of Hiring Lawyer by the Day.

With the name of Rufus Lockwood is recalled to mind one of the most extraordinary geniuses that the state of California ever produced. It is many years now since Lockwood held sway in the courts of San Francisco, He was in his day, perhaps, the best law yer in the state, and it was only be cause of his utter indifference to pecuniary matters that he did not leave a large fortune behind him.

Lockwood went at one time to Horace Hawes, a very distinguished lawyer and the author of the consolidation act which is now in force. Hawes had a reputation for close figuring, and Lockwood knew it. He said: "Mr. Lockwood knew it. He said: Hawes, I'll hire myself to you for one year from date at a salary of \$25 a day, payable every night."
"All right," said Hawes, delighted to

engage the services of the brightest mind in the state at so low a figurefor the salary was not a great one in those days-and the bargain was sealed. It was 11 o'clock in the morning. But from that time on, it is said, Hawes never missed an opportunity of reminding Lockwood of his bondage. He would say, in the presence of others: 'Lockwood, go fetch that book; Lockwood, do this or that," etc. Lockwood never said a word, but did as he was bidden, and Hawes enjoyed his triumph.

Finally it came to the day when the year's engagement terminated. There was a most important lawsuit on hand which Lockwood had made a careful study of. No one in the state could possibly have handled it as he did. Well, on the day in question Lockwood stood in court, an array of law books in front of him, and expounded his views in masterly fashion. Suddenly he looked up at the clock and saw that it was the hour of 11. Closing the book from which he was quoting, he turned to Hawes, who was sitting beside him, and said: "Mr. Hawes, a year ago to-day at cancelled, and I am going."

Thus did he repay his master for the humiliation heaped upon him. Hawes was in the greatest consternation. He could not possibly take up the thread of the case where Lockwood had left it, and he begged and implored him to proceed. But Lockwood remembered, and he turned a deaf ear to all persuasions. He kept his word, the contract had expired.—San Francisco Bulletin.

### THE LEADING MEN.

The leading poet of Protestantism was Milton. His "Paradise Lost" has been styled "The Great Puritan Epic." The Greeks regarded Pindar as the first of their lyric poets, and since their time the judgment has been confirmed.

The most skillful military tactician was Napoleon. His victories were won more by skill and tact than by strength. The wisest of natural philosophers

was Aristotle, in whose works are found the beginnings of the history of

The leading pantheistic philosopher was Spinoza. He found God in everything, and deemed that everything was God. The most talented actor was David

Garrick. His faculty was such that he was equally good in tragedy and com-The most profound of modern his

torians was Gibbon, whose "Decline and Fall" was a history of the world The most exact poet was Pope. He

frequently rewrote a poem eight or ten times before allowing it to go to Scott was by far the most eminent

writer of historical fiction. The founder of this school, it has never since produced his equal. The most accomplished of linguists

was Mezzofanti. At the time of his death he is said to have been familiar with 114 languages.

How Charlie Saved Her.

"That Charlie Spindles is a horrid fellow, isn't he?" "Yes, but he once saved me from a mad bull."

"How was that?" "I saw Charlie coming and went through another field."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SHE—"The secret of my age is intrusted to time." He—"Are you not sometimes afraid that time will tell?"—Detroit Free

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